

# San Ramon Youth Hoops 2016

## Frequently Asked Questions

### General Questions

#### What is the league philosophy?

The City of San Ramon Youth Hoops League is recreationally based where the emphasis is placed on skill, social development and FUN, rather than winning. All players, regardless of ability, will play at least half of the game for which they are present. Statistics and records are not kept and there are no playoffs or tournaments.

#### Does my child need to have prior experience with basketball?

No previous experience is necessary! Since the league's focus is on skill development and FUN, all kids, regardless of their experience, are welcome in the league!

#### I'd like to volunteer to coach, what do I need to do?

Volunteering to coach is easy!

There are a few requirements for coaching:

1. All coaches must be fingerprinted through the SRPD and submit to a background check through the Department of Justice (DOJ). Volunteers will not be able to coach until a background check is completed.
2. All coaches must complete a volunteer application.
3. All coaches must complete an on-site coaches training program (approximately 3 hours).

All coaches for youth hoops should contact Edwin Tse at [etse@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:etse@sanramon.ca.gov) or 925.973.3268. There will be a couple of coaches meetings that potential coaches should plan on attending.

If you're interested in coaching, but you have work constraints, etc, that's OK; we should be able to work around it. If you're interested in coaching multiple teams, we can definitely make that work too!

#### When can I register and when is the registration deadline?

##### *Grades 1-12*

The league registration opens on Monday, August 10. Registration will continue until filled **OR** until the registration deadline on Wednesday, October 21, whichever comes first. The league is very popular, so register early!

##### *Kindergarten*

The league registration opens on Monday, August 10. Registration will continue until filled **OR** until the registration deadline on Friday, October 9, whichever comes first.

#### When is the last day to request a refund?

##### *Grades 1-12*

The last day to request a refund is Friday, October 9.

##### *Kindergarten*

The last day to request a refund is Friday, October 2.

### **Why do I need to complete a Player Profile?**

The Player Profile is a requirement for all players in the Youth Hoops League. This document provides valuable information regarding who to contact in an emergency, any allergies a child may have, etc. All players must have a completed a Player Profile on file BEFORE participating in any league functions including the skills observations, practices and games. The Player Profile should be completed during registration.

### **What size ball does each group use?**

Kindergarten: Junior Size (27-27.5 inches depending on the brand)

Grades 1-2: Junior Size (27-27.5 inches depending on the brand)

Grades 3-4 BOYS: Women's Size (28.5 inches)

Grades 5-12 BOYS: Men's Size (29.5 inches)

Grades 3-12 GIRLS: Women's Size (28.5 inches)

### **What is the height of the basketball hoop?**

Kindergarten: 7 feet

Grade 1: 8 feet

Grade 2: 8 feet

Grade 3 BOYS: 8.5 feet

Grades 4-12 BOYS: 10 feet

Grades 3-4 GIRLS: 8.5 feet

Grades 5-12 GIRLS: 10 feet

## **League Specific Questions**

### **What are the Skills Observations?**

The Skills Observations is an opportunity for league staff to run the players through different drills and skills to gain a better understanding of each child's skill set. These observation days are very important to the league, the participants, and the parents for the following reasons: 1) In order to make the teams as equal as possible we must evaluate all the players' skills, and 2) this is when we can get an accurate jersey size for the participants. Attendance at the Skills Observation is mandatory.

### **When are the Skills Observations?**

*Grades 1-12*

Pine Valley Community Gym, 3000 Pine Valley Rd.

Saturday, October 18 or Sunday, October 26

10-10:45 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Boys and 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls
11-11:45am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys
12-12:45pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Boys
1-1:45pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls
2-2:45pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys
3-3:45pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys
4-4:45pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls
5-5:45pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

Participants can show up at any time within their division's time frame. With check-in and participation, the overall process should take approximately 20-30 minutes.

#### *Kindergarten*

Saturday, October 10

1-2:30pm

Pine Valley Gym, 3000 Pine Valley Rd.

#### **What if my child cannot attend on the scheduled days?**

Each child's attendance is required at the Skills Observation. If you have issues with the scheduled days/times, please contact Adam Chow at [achow@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:achow@sanramon.ca.gov) or 925.973.3209.

#### **Can I submit a league request (i.e. on a team with a friend/coach or cannot practice certain nights)?**

Requests to be on a team with a friend or inability to practice on a certain night can only be submitted at the Skills Observations on the "league request form." No request is guaranteed. No refunds will be given for requests not granted.

#### **Are there equipment requirements for league and skills observation?**

All players should come prepared to play wearing athletic clothing and closed-toe shoes. No cleats, sandals, flip flops, etc will be allowed. The league will provide 2 balls per team. If you wish to bring your own ball, please make sure to write your name and phone number on it using permanent marker. Please do not bring a basketball to the Skills Observation.

#### **Where can I find the league rulebook?**

Once created, the league rulebook will be posted on the Youth Sports page on the City of San Ramon website. The league rulebook will be included in the league packet, as well.

#### **Game and Practice Information**

## **When will I receive the game and practice schedule, team roster, etc?**

### *Grades 1-12*

After the teams are created and coaches have chosen team names and practice times, staff will then prepare packets for email. The packets will contain a rulebook, team roster, practice schedule and game schedule. All packets will be emailed on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. **LEAGUE PACKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED.** Please make sure that your email address on file is correct by calling the Community Center at (925) 973-3200.

### *Kindergarten*

After the teams are created, the league packets will be emailed no later than Wednesday, October 14. The packets will include the rulebook, team roster and game schedule.

## **How many players per team?**

Every team in each division will have approximately the same number of players. No team will have more than 10 players and no less than 5 players.

## **When are the practices? Are these held throughout the season?**

### *Grades 1-12*

The league practices will begin the week of November 30<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1-12. Each team will practice one evening a week for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The time, location and day for practices will vary depending on the coach's schedule. The practice day, time and location will remain the same throughout the entire season. *The practice information is listed on the top of the team roster.*

The practices will continue as scheduled throughout the season with the exception of Grades 1-2. Once the season begins, Grades 1-2 will no longer practice during the week; however, they will now practice 30 minutes prior to their game on Saturday. The time listed on the schedule is the time the practice starts. Please do not show up early to practice because all courts will be in use.

### *Kindergarten*

The kindergarten league will not practice during the week; however, practices will be held 30 minutes prior to their game on Saturday. The time listed on the schedule is the time the practice starts.

## **Where are the practices?**

Grades 1-2 will only practice at the Windemere Ranch Middle School Gym; while the rest of the divisions will either practice at the Iron Horse Gym or Pine Valley Gym. *The practice information is listed on the top of the team roster.*

## **When are the games?**

### *Grades 1-12*

The 2016 Youth Hoops League games begin on Saturday, January 9 and will continue for 8 weeks. The last game is scheduled for Saturday, February 27. The game schedule with dates and times will be included in the league packet AND will be posted on the Youth Sports page on the City of San Ramon website.

### *Kindergarten*

The games will be held on Saturdays beginning October 24. The final week of games is scheduled for December 5. No games will be held on November 28. *The game schedule with dates and times will be included in the league packet.*

#### **What time are my games?**

The game times are listed on the schedule which will be included in the league packet. The game times will vary each week, so please make sure to check the schedule on a regular basis. Once created, the game schedules will be posted on the Youth Sports page on the City of San Ramon website. *The game schedule with dates and times will be included in the league packet email.*

#### **Where are the games?**

Kindergarten: Pine Valley Gym

Grades 1-2: Windemere Ranch Middle School Gym or Pine Valley Community Gym

Grades 3-12: Pine Valley Gym, Iron Horse Gym or Gale Ranch Gym.

The game schedule with dates, times, and location will be included in the league packet email.

#### **Can there be practices, meetings, parties outside of the scheduled ones by the City?**

In an effort to keep all players and teams on a level playing field, no team is allowed to meet outside of their normally scheduled practice and game times. No practices, meeting or parties are allowed.

### **Miscellaneous Questions**

#### **How are the teams created?**

The league administrators do their best to create all teams as evenly as possible based on the assessment of the players at the Skills Observation AND granting as many league requests as possible. While we understand no system is fool-proof, all attempts are made to evenly balance the teams. Each child is ranked on a scale, 1-5, each child's height is taken, as well as we have the player's age. The effort is made to have equal amounts of ages, heights and rankings on each team. All rankings are averaged per team with all teams being within .2 of each other.

#### **When will I receive the jersey?**

##### *Grades 1-12*

The jerseys will be distributed no later than the first week of games. The league administrators will do their very best to get the jerseys as soon as possible; however, that is not always feasible. These will be kept by the players at the conclusion of the season

##### *Kindergarten*

Team shirts will be issued at the first game. These will be kept by the players at the conclusion of the season.

#### **Can I get the email addresses for the other players on my team?**

Unfortunately, due to the City of San Ramon's privacy policy, we are unable to provide players or parents with one another's email addresses. Only player's phone numbers will be provided. The responsibility, if one chooses, to collect email addresses will remain with the parents.

Coaches will be provided parents' email addresses that are listed during registration unless they are marked private. These email addresses are for team use by the coaches only and cannot be shared with players or parents.

**When is the end of season celebration and what is it?**

*Grades 1-12*

The end of season celebration will be hosted by the City of San Ramon Sports Staff. It will take place following the last game of the season on February 27<sup>th</sup>. More details regarding the celebration will be provided during the season.

*Kindergarten*

There will be no end of season celebration; however, the City of San Ramon will provide all participants with snacks at the last game of the season.

**When is Picture Day and where is it held?**

*Grades 1-12*

The Youth Hoops picture day will be held on Saturday, February 6, at the Iron Horse Gym. Each team will be assigned a picture time and should be at the Iron Horse Gym 15 minutes before that time in order to get organized.

*Kindergarten*

The Kindergarten picture day will be held on Saturday, October 31, at the Pine Valley Gym. The pictures will be taken prior to the scheduled practice/game. More details will be provided as the date approaches.

**Who should I contact if I have additional questions?**

For any additional questions not included, please contact Adam Chow at [achow@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:achow@sanramon.ca.gov) or 925.973.3209 or Edwin Tse at [etse@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:etse@sanramon.ca.gov) or 925.973.3268.